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## NEW APPROACH

### Greenville schools address no zeros

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Some middle schools in Greenville County won't give zeros to students even if they never turn in an assignment or cheat or plagiarize homework.

It's part of a new approach middle school principals decided to pursue this year that was billed as a way to motivate students by taking away the grade-crushing score of a zero on their class grades.

When the issue arose as a question in a January school board workshop, Superintendent Burke Royster said teachers were still giving zeros, just fewer of them. While that may be happening at some schools, particularly Hillcrest Middle School, which the district highlighted for its efforts to implement a policy for teachers to bound students until

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MICHEL EULIER/AP  
U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz

### President's budget would pull plug on mixed oxide

MARY ORNDORFF TROYAN  
THE GREENVILLE NEWS

WASHINGTON - The unfinished \$4 billion plutonium recycling project in South Carolina would be abandoned under President Obama's proposed budget for fiscal 2017.

After years of cost overruns and searches for cheaper alternatives, the Obama administration wants to finally pull the plug on the mixed oxide (MOX) fuel fabrication facility at Savannah River Site.

The budget released Tuesday, the last one Obama will propose before leaving office next January, would allocate just \$270 million to start winding down the project.



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP  
Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks to supporters during a primary night rally Tuesday in Manchester, N.H. At his side is his wife, Melania Trump.

## TRUMP, SANDERS WIN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Kasich wins close battle for second place in Republican primary

JULIE PACE AND KATHLEEN RONAYNE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JEWEL SAMADIA/GETTY IMAGES  
Democrat Bernie Sanders speaks during his primary night rally in Concord, N.H. Sanders did well with younger voters in defeating Hillary Clinton.

is that the government of our great country belongs to all of the people and not just a handful of wealthy campaign contributors and their super PACs."

The enthusiasm behind Trump, a real estate mogul who has never held political office, and Sanders, who says he is a democratic socialist, underscored the public's frustration with the

on with the voter frustration they've tapped into.

Clinton appeared to recognize that reality in her concession speech, echoing Sanders' calls for taking on Wall Street banks and tackling income inequality. But she cast herself as more prepared to make good on her pledges.





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## Now, it's S.C.'s turn

State becomes political center stage as presidential candidates gear up for primaries



Top-polling Republican presidential candidates (from left) Donald Trump, Sen. Ted Cruz, Sen. Marco Rubio, former Gov. Jeb Bush and Gov. John Kasich turn their attention to the Palmetto State on Wednesday. The Republican primary in South Carolina is Feb. 20. Democrats have their primary on Feb. 27.

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BY SCHUYLER KROPP  
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And so it begins. After months of buildup and tens of millions of dollars spent to make them household names, the Republicans and Democrats who want to be president are descending on South Carolina.

### Palmetto Politics

palmettopolitics.com

If you go by polls alone, billionaire businessman Donald Trump remains the favorite on

the still-crowded GOP side, while former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is widely expected to turn back Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. But polls don't vote, meaning the candidates' ground games, personal contacts, TV ads and surrogates still have a good chance to sway the outcome. So will the hundreds of

members of the media "from off" who will flood South Carolina for the nation's traditional first-in-the-South votes. South Carolina Democrats have \$9 convention delegates up for grabs, while the Republicans have 50.

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**Poll**  
Will you try to see any of the presidential candidates visiting South Carolina this month? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

## N.H. voters hungry for change pick Trump, Sanders



Sanders

BY JULIE PACE  
AND KATHLEEN RONAYNE  
Associated Press

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of clarity among the more mainstream Republicans struggling to challenge him.

"We are going to do something so good and so fast and so strong and the world is going to respect us again, believe me," Trump said at a victory rally.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich grabbed second in New Hampshire after pouring

nearly all of his campaign resources into the state. Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio vied for third along with Ted Cruz, the Iowa caucus winner, ensuring all would press on to the next voting contest in South Carolina.

Sanders, at his own raucous rally, said his victory sent a message "that

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## S.C. attorney general sues over MOX delays

Aims to force federal government to finish reactor-fuel facility

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WASHINGTON — S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson has filed a lawsuit to force the U.S. Department of Energy to finish the mixed-oxide fuel fabrication, or MOX, project at the Savannah River Site, the same day President Barack Obama submitted his final federal budget proposal to Congress calling for the program's termination.

Wilson threatened to sue at the end of 2015 at the urging of Gov. Nikki Haley.

"The federal government has a responsibility to follow through with

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its promises," Wilson said in a statement Tuesday. "The Department of Energy has continually shown disregard for its obligations under federal law to the nation, the State of South Carolina and frankly the rule of law. The federal government is not free to flout the law. This behavior will not be tolerated. We are committed to using every legal avenue possible to ensure compliance."

MOX originally was intended to produce weapons-grade plutonium into commercial nuclear reactor fuel.

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## Suspect in 2 brutal attacks freed on bail

Summerville police refused to share details, identify man who's now in Berkeley custody

BY ANDREW KNAPP  
CHRISTINA ELMORE  
AND MELISSA BOUGHTON  
The Post and Courier

As Summerville police kept secret the details of two brutal assaults and refused to publicly identify a man they said could be a serial rapist, the suspect posted a \$100,000 bond on four felony charges and walked free last week. Thomas Michael Powell, 28, of Thomaston Avenue in Summerville faces a kidnapping charge in each of the two attacks against women he met online. He also was jailed on counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and assault with intent to commit the same crime. All told, the charges carry up to 120 years in prison.



Powell

The police said Powell held one woman at knife-point in mid-January before she screamed and got away with a slashed hand. A short time later, the authorities said, he raped another woman and left her bleeding from knife wounds.

A day after Powell's arrest late last week, a judge set bail at \$5,000 on each of his charges, and he was released within hours. But all of this happened

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A win against LSU and its freshman phenom Ben Simmons on Wednesday would move USC into a tie for first place in the SEC, 1B



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# The State



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GOP primary

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Days until S.C.  
Democratic primary

### THURSDAY

Democratic presidential  
debate on PBS in  
Wisconsin, 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

Republican presidential  
debate on CBS in  
Greenville, 9 p.m.

### FEB. 20

S.C. GOP primary; Nevada  
Democratic caucuses

### FEB. 23

Nevada GOP caucuses

### FEB. 27

S.C. Democratic primary

### TODAY'S KEY NUMBER

**\$10.3  
MILLION**

Who has been the biggest  
spender in South  
Carolina? According to  
data from SMG Delta,  
it is Republican Jeb  
Bush's Super PAC, Right  
to Rise, which has spent  
\$10.3 million on ads.

### OTHER TOP S.C. SPENDERS:

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Republican Marco  
Rubio's campaign and  
outside groups

**\$5.7 MILLION**

Republican Ted Cruz's  
campaign and outside  
groups

**\$1 MILLION**

Republican Donald  
Trump's campaign

**\$750,000**

(approx.)  
Democrat Bernie  
Sanders' campaign



J. DAVID AKE/Associated Press

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders speaks  
Tuesday in Manchester, N.H.



DAVID GOLDMAN/Associated Press

Donald Trump speaks to supporters during  
a rally Tuesday in Manchester, N.H.

### ELECTIONS 2016

## Presidential race now turns to SC

Palmetto State primaries will sharpen parties' focus

BY ANDREW SHAIN  
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**S**outh Carolina is where the 2016 presidential races are expected to come into better focus after a jumbled start in Iowa and New Hampshire.

For Democrats, supporters of front-runner Hillary Clinton see South Carolina as the firewall to stop U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, who nearly beat the former secretary of state in Iowa and defeated her Tuesday in New Hampshire.

Among Republicans, New York billionaire developer Donald Trump, the national front-runner, is coming off a win Tuesday in New Hampshire, following U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz's victory in the Iowa caucuses.

Trump and Cruz are atop the S.C. polls — good news for voters who want a candidate promising to tear down almost everything in Washington.

But some in the GOP establishment fear Trump and Cruz will turn off minority, younger and female voters in the general election. The anti-Trump, anti-

Cruz establishment still is looking for its best candidate among former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Ohio Gov. John Kasich and U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida.

Furman University political scientist Danielle Vinson sees two different races: "Those fighting for Trump and Cruz who say, 'We want an outsider,' versus everyone else who wants a practical candidate who can beat Hillary Clinton and won't embarrass you along the way."

### GOP RACE

Starting with Ronald Reagan in 1980, S.C. Republicans had a streak of choosing the eventual GOP presidential nominee. That record was broken in 2012, when S.C. voters chose former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich over Mitt Romney.

This year, seven Republican hopefuls already have announced plans to campaign in South Carolina, including more than 40 events ahead of the party's Feb. 20 primary.

Trump has ruled S.C. GOP polls since the summer, drawing well from moderates to evangelicals, much to the surprise of pundits. The real estate mogul regularly draws thousands to rallies across the

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### CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL SITE

## Revised plans ease concerns

The Beach Co. unveils revised plans for  
Cardinal Newman School site redevelopment

New plans include fewer apartment units,  
square footage for commercial use

This time, more Forest Acres residents in  
support than against

BY AVERY G. WILKS  
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The Beach Co. of Charleston on Tuesday appeared before about 75 Forest Acres residents with a peace offering in hand.

Just last month, residents gave the developer an earful at a planning commission meeting. They explained at length their fears that the mixed-use development planned for the former Cardinal Newman School site would exacerbate traffic problems on the busy, shop-lined stretch of Forest Drive between Beltline Boulevard and Trenholm Road.

This time, at a Forest Acres City Council public hearing, The Beach Co. came with revised plans meant to ease those concerns.

Fliers the developer passed out indicated the size of the planned development, called Forest Acres Village Square, has been scaled down.

The new plan listed 256 luxury apartments, down from nearly 300, and 42,000 square feet of local restaurants and boutique shops, down from 54,000.

The Beach Co. originally estimated the project would add nearly 3,100 cars daily to Forest Drive, which is nearing its capacity of about 30,000 cars per day.

But Tuesday, Ned Miller, The Beach Co. development manager overseeing the project, told the crowd the revisions would trim about 650 cars from that estimate. The project's price tag also dropped, from nearly \$60 million to close to \$58 million, he said.

"This was not an easy change to make, but it balances the traffic concerns with the goal of making this a thriving part of the community," Miller said during the company's presentation.

The proposed changes appeared to help the developer's cause, though some residents still were conflicted or downright opposed to the plans.

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## Obama plan nixes MOX

### State sues over missed MOX deadline same day as budget proposal



Obama

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After attempting to place the Savannah River Site's MOX facility in a cold standby two years ago, President Barack Obama is now looking to completely terminate the project and move forward with another plutonium disposal method, beginning in 2017.

Just hours after the budget rollout Tuesday, S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson announced that he is once again suing the U.S. Department of Energy

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Obama sends Congress record \$4.1 trillion 2017 spending plan, 8A

and others for missing a key deadline at the MOX facility and for not paying the associated fines of \$1 million a day.

Regardless of the pathway moving forward, the goal of the nation's plutonium disposition program is to meet an agreement with Russia that states each country must dispose of 34 metric tons of

weapons-grade plutonium.

#### Budget proposal

Obama's fiscal year 2017 budget proposal calls for the termination of the MOX project, which includes the Savannah River Site's Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility.

Released on Tuesday morning, the proposal seeks a "change in plutonium disposition" approach and

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Wilson

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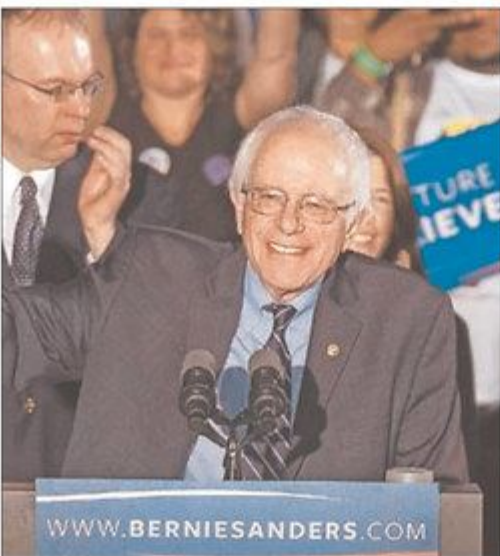
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#### WEATHER

## Sanders, Trump triumphant in New Hampshire primaries



Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump won Tuesday's New Hampshire primaries.

BY JULIE PACE AND  
KATHLEEN RONAYNE  
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Bernie Sanders swept to victory in Tuesday's New Hampshire primaries, adding crucial credibility to their upstart candidacies and underscoring voters' insistence on shaking up American politics.

Trump and Sanders entered Tuesday's contest as favorites in New Hampshire, but needed to deliver on expectations after second-place finishes in Iowa's leadoff caucuses. Trump appealed to voters seeking a political outsider, while

Sanders was buoyed by those seeking a candidate who they felt cared about people like them.

"When we stand together, we win. Thank you, New Hampshire!" Sanders celebrated on Twitter.

Hillary Clinton echoed Sanders' calls for taking on Wall Street banks and tackling income inequality, but cast herself as more prepared to make good on her policy pledges. "People have every right to be angry. But they're also hungry, they're hungry for solutions," she said after congratulating Sanders on his victory.

For some Republican leaders, Trump's victory in New Hampshire and Ted Cruz's win in Iowa added urgency to



#### GALLERY

See more photos from the New Hampshire primaries at [www.aikenstandard.com](http://www.aikenstandard.com)

their efforts to coalesce around a more mainstream candidate to challenge them. However, it appeared unlikely New Hampshire's contest would clarify that slice of the field, with Ohio Gov. John Kasich, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush all locked in a tight race, along with Cruz.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who has staked his candidacy on New Hampshire, lagged behind the pack in early vote counts.

Sanders pulled from a broad coalition of New Hampshire voters, gathering a majority of votes from men, independents and voters under 45, as well as a slim majority of women. Hillary Clinton won the majority of those over 65 and those with incomes over \$200,000 a year, according to early exit polls conducted by Edison Research for The Associated Press and the television networks.

Clinton's campaign argues she will perform better as the race heads to more racially diverse states, including Nevada and South Carolina. Both New Hampshire and Iowa are overwhelmingly

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## Main Street S.C. gathers residents' feedback

BY DAN BROWN  
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About 60 Aiken residents gathered in the Aiken Municipal Building on Tuesday to share their ideas of what makes Aiken's Main Street area so special during the first of two public information meetings that kicks off Aiken's three-year boot camp with Main Street South Carolina.

Residents identified with what they saw as the best and the worst of downtown Aiken as they responded to a series of questions posed by meeting moderator

#### Want to go?

**WHAT:** Main Street South Carolina public information session  
**WHEN:** 8 to 9:30 a.m. today  
**WHERE:** Aiken Municipal Building, 214 Park Ave. SW.

Definitely a woman, they said. Behind, a woman of color, a woman of color, a woman of color.

residents and Main Street S.C. staff get an idea what makes Aiken special in their eyes. The brainstorming session was the first step into Aiken's three-year boot camp program with Main Street South Carolina, a comprehensive revitalization program that promotes the historic and economic redevelopment of traditional business districts in South Carolina.

Wilson, president of Community Design Solutions and a community architect for the Main Street program, asked those in attendance what they considered to be Aiken's signature feature.

The meeting was held from the only time on South






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Republican presidential candidate, businessman Donald Trump speaks to supporters Tuesday during a primary night rally in Manchester, N.H.

## Trump nails victory in New Hampshire

By JILL COLVIN and STEVE PEOPLES  
Associated Press

NASHUA, N.H. — Donald Trump nailed down a decisive first victory in New Hampshire's presidential primary Tuesday, showing his unorthodox campaign can translate the large crowds at his rambunctious rallies into the votes that determine delegates. Ohio Gov. John Kasich, an afterthought in Iowa, popped up in

second. New Hampshire showed voter anger is for real, but it seemed unlikely to give much clarity to the search for a strong establishment alternative to Trump.

Right behind Kasich: a cluster including Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, all looking for a strong showing

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### ■ McCORMICK

## Residents weigh in on search for schools chief

By ARIEL GILREATH  
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McCORMICK — Residents in said they want a superintendent who cares about the children in McCormick County School District.

A handful of residents showed up to the community forum Tuesday night to share their views with the board of trustees on its search for a new superintendent.

Judy LeGrand, executive assistant to the executive director and superintendent search coordinator for the South Carolina School Boards Association, led the forum and noted which characteristics attendees said they wanted to see in the district's next superintendent.

A consistent theme in the traits was that residents want the superintendent to care about the district and its students.

"If we go looking six or seven states away, then we get somebody that's using McCormick County as a stepping stone for their career," one man in the audience said, and suggestions included the residents' desire for longevity in the position.

Other suggestions for the new superintendent were that the candidate needs

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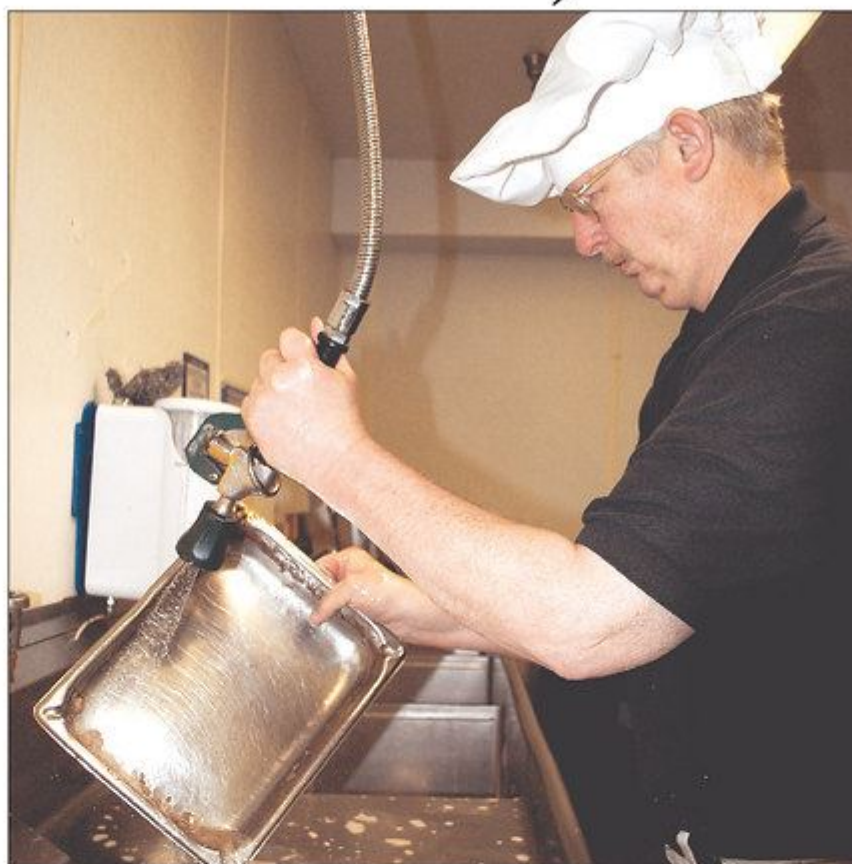
## Teachers honored as part of Educator Appreciation Day

By ARIEL GILREATH  
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Greenwood Rotary Club members and superintendents thanked nine teachers for their work with children at the club's annual Educator Appreciation Day on Tuesday afternoon.

Watson Dorn, rotary club president,

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Danny Hardy scrubs dishes at Wesley Commons Tuesday afternoon. Hardy has worked at Wesley Commons for 25 years after participating with the Burton Center's employment program.

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## PRIMARY ROUNDUP

For results and details about New Hampshire's primary election for president of the United States, see **Page 6A**.



### Hartsville

## Sunday alcohol vote clears first hurdle

BY JIM FAILE  
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HARTSVILLE — The Hartsville City Council gave overwhelming preliminary approval Tuesday to an ordinance aimed at putting a public referendum on the Sunday sale of alcohol in Hartsville on the November general election ballot.

The vote came on first reading of the ordinance with council member Billy Shirley casting the only negative vote.

The council combined what had been two proposed separate ordinances, one covering restaurants and bars for on-premises consumption on Sunday, the other covering grocery and convenience stores and other stores that sell beer and wine for off-premises consumption on Sunday.

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## Jeb Bush, former President Clinton to visit Florence

BY JOSHUA LLOYD  
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FLORENCE — Jeb Bush and former President Bill Clinton are expected in Florence this week.

Bush, the former Florida governor and GOP presidential candidate, is due today for an informal meet and greet. Clinton is scheduled to come on Saturday.

According to the Florence County Republican Party, Bush will at Venus Restaurant on Palmetto Street at 12:30 p.m.

Officials said the event is open to the public and is free.

This will be Bush's second visit to Florence this campaign season. He visited Wholly Smokin' BBQ in downtown Florence in November.

Former President Bill Clinton will be in Florence on Saturday to campaign for his wife, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Officials said he will speak at 7:30 p.m. at Francis Marion University's Smith Center. Doors to the center will

### SOUTH FLORENCE



MELISSA ROLLINS/MORNING NEWS

South Florence math teacher Lindsey Bibler, center, was surprised during an assembly Tuesday afternoon with the news that she was receiving the Milken Educator Award and a check for \$25,000.

## Teacher gets surprise during assembly

BY MELISSA ROLLINS  
Morning News  
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FLORENCE — South Florence High School's staff, students and teachers got a big surprise Tuesday during an assembly with State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman. No one got more of a surprise than math teacher Lindsey

Bibler, who was given the prestigious Milken Educator Award and a check for \$25,000.

The Milken award is given annually to exceptional teachers across the country. Dr. Jane Foley, senior vice president of the Milken Educator Awards, was on hand for the presentation. She said Bibler was among an exclusive group.

"It varies a little, but this year we have a total of 40," Foley said. "We are in every state so you can see how elite it is because there is not even one for every state. We really believe that our educators represent the top 1 percent of the profession; they are the top of the top. It

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## Starship to play old, new tunes in Florence

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN  
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FLORENCE — When he was asked to play with Jefferson Starship in 1979, Mickey Thomas said, his initial plan was to stay in the band for three years.

Nearly four decades, several new members and a name change later, and the legacy of Starship featuring Mickey Thomas (as the group is now called) continues.

### IF YOU GO

» **WHAT:** Starship featuring Mickey Thomas  
» **WHERE:** FMU Performing Arts Center  
» **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday  
» **TICKETS:** Tickets range from \$47 to \$57. Purchase tickets online at [www.fmuapac.org](http://www.fmuapac.org) or by visiting the PAC box office or calling 843-661-4444.

Built This City," "Sara," and "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now," with several new





## SPORTS

Hilton Head and Beaufort pin state title hopes on tonight's match 1B



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## EXCLUSIVE: THE 10 PLACES CRIME OCCURS MOST OFTEN

## Walmart clear leader in local crime calls

Just about every local resident has visited Beaufort County's top spot for crime. The county's two Walmarts — one in Beaufort and one on Hilton Head Island — reported more crime than anywhere else in the county. That's according to an analysis by The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette of every non-traffic police report filed in the county in 2014.

In a three-part series publishing today, Friday and Sunday, we take an in-depth look at Beaufort County crime and the reasons behind the numbers.

Today, we explore the reasons why Walmart is the site for more crime than anywhere else. And could the addition of three new stores in 2016 continue the trend? See *The Long Read*, 1C

## LOCAL NEWS

## TODAY, A NEW LOOK FOR US

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## LOCAL NEWS

## YES, IT IS ABOUT THE TREES

Trees don't kill people, right? It's the bad drivers! Why this argument totally misses the point.

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Faith Ott and Janet Rahn pose with their Spanish water dogs Maya, left, and Sancho at Dog Gone Sensational in Okatie on Monday.

## PETS

## Champion dog heads for Westminster

Top-ranked Spanish water dog in U.S. is from Ridgeland

Jango will compete at Westminster Dog Show next week

Co-owners Faith Ott and Janet Rahn have three dogs in competition

BY MATT MCNAB  
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Janet Rahn knew she had a championship-caliber dog the moment she watched him jump from Faith Ott's car nearly three years ago.

Jango has certainly lived up to the hype. The 2 1/2-year-old Spanish water dog picked up top honors for his breed in October at the

American Kennel Club show in Somerset, N.J., and in December at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, Fla. Next week, Jango and his owners will look to complete the triple crown by picking up best of breed honors at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York.

"I said to Faith, 'That's our champion,'" Rahn said. "There's only been two dogs that have come along and take my breath

away, and he did when he stepped out of that car."

Jango is one of three Spanish water dogs the business partners and close friends have competing at Westminster in New York next week, along with 3-year-old Sancho and 1-year-old Maya.

The three are all Top 10-ranked Spanish water dogs in the U.S. — Jango being the top ranked — and three of just 10 Spanish water dogs admitted to Westminster in 2016, the first time the breed has been invited to the prestigious dog show. Jango is a celebrity in his own right, with more than 22,000 fans on his official Facebook page.

Their dogs will also compete in the herding dog group in New York next week, one of the toughest groups in the dog show

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